

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on March 2, 2011 at 8:06 AM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Executive Action on HB 6, HB 7, HB 11, and HB 15

00:00:33 Chairman McNutt

Discussion on HB 6 and HB 7:

00:01:22 Ms Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jlh47a01)

Questions:

00:07:04 Rep. Sesso
00:07:19 Ms. Duncan
00:07:56 Rep. Sesso
00:08:03 Ms. Duncan
00:08:31 Rep. Sesso
00:08:38 Ms. Duncan
00:08:43 Rep. Sesso
00:09:04 Ms. Duncan
00:09:11 Rep. Sesso
00:09:21 Ms. Duncan
00:11:22 Rep. Sesso
00:11:37 Ms. Duncan
00:11:57 Sen. Williams
00:12:04 Ms. Duncan
00:12:23 Sen. Williams
00:12:29 Ms. Duncan
00:12:39 Rep. Sesso
00:13:22 Ms. Duncan
00:13:55 Rep. Sesso
00:14:20 Ms. Duncan
00:14:23 Rep. Sesso
00:16:05 Chairman McNutt

Informational Witness:

00:16:27 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division,
Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions:

00:17:57 Ms. Duncan
00:18:41 Rep. Sesso
00:20:45 Ms. Duncan
00:22:17 Chairman McNutt
00:22:28 Ms. Duncan
00:22:55 Chairman McNutt
00:23:47 Rep. Sesso
00:24:35 Chairman McNutt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

00:24:39 **Motion:** Sen Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 6 BE RECOMMENDED.**

00:25:04 Ms. Duncan

00:26:21 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT 1 TO HB 6 BE RECOMMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(jlh47a02)

00:26:31 Chairman McNutt

00:26:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:27:07 Rep. Cook moved that **ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT 2 TO HB 6 BE RECOMMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(jlh47a03)

Discussion:

00:27:19 Chairman McNutt

00:27:22 Ms. Duncan

00:29:18 Chairman McNutt

Questions:

00:29:23 Rep. McChesney

00:29:40 Rep. Cook

00:30:16 Chairman McNutt

00:30:19 Rep. Sesso

00:30:54 Ms. Duncan

00:31:22 Rep. McChesney left.

00:31:30 Rep. Sesso

00:31:40 Ms. Duncan

Informational Witness:

00:32:00 Alice Stanley, Bureau Chief, Resource Development Bureau, DNRC

Questions:

00:32:42 Rep. Sesso

00:33:03 Ms. Duncan

00:33:37 Rep. Sesso

00:33:55 Ms. Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:34:02 Ms. Duncan

00:34:07 Sen. Brown

00:34:55 Rep. Cook

00:35:00 Sen. Brown

00:36:10 Rep. Cook

00:36:17 Rep. McChesney returned.

00:36:34 Rep. Cook

00:37:03 Sen. Sonju

Informational Witness:

00:37:25 Mr. Beck, DNRC

00:38:36 Ms. Duncan

00:39:39 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Brown moved **TO NOT ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNRC) HYDRO POWER FEASIBILITY STUDY.** (Note : Amendment 1 of explanation on Exhibit 3)

00:40:45 Chairman McNutt

00:40:49 Sen. Brown

00:40:52 Ms. Duncan

00:40:58 **Motion Clarified:** Sen. Brown moved **TO KEEP THE HYDRO POWER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TO ELIMINATE THE FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS (FWP) CHADBOURNE DIVERSION PROJECT GRANT, AND ELIMINATE THE DNRC, EAST FORK ROCK CREEK GRANT.** (This motion segregates Item 1 of Exhibit 3)

00:41:21 Chairman McNutt

00:41:25 Sen. Brown

00:41:41 Chairman McNutt

00:41:44 Rep. McChesney

00:41:58 Chairman McNutt

00:42:19 Sen. Brown

00:42:33 Chairman McNutt

00:43:00 Ms. Duncan

00:43:18 Chairman McNutt

00:43:24 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:43:33 Rep. Sesso

00:44:13 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 6 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED.**

00:44:26 Chairman McNutt

Discussion:

00:44:33 Sen. Williams

Informational Witness:

00:45:06 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer, Conservation and Resource Development Division, DNRC

Questions:

00:46:21 Rep. Sesso

00:46:31 Mr. Fischer

00:47:53 Sen. Williams

00:48:19 Rep. Cook
00:48:58 Sen. Williams

Informational Witness:

00:49:18 Kevin Smith, Bureau Chief, State Water Projects, DNRC

00:51:11 Chairman McNutt

Discussion:

00:51:20 Sen. Brown
00:51:52 Sen. Williams
00:53:36 Chairman McNutt

00:54:06 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Brown moved to **ADOPT THE AMENDMENT (Exhibit 3) AS AMENDED (IN PREVIOUS MOTION) TO HB 6.**

00:54:18 Chairman McNutt

00:54:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 to 2 by roll call vote. Rep. Sesso and Sen. Williams voted no.

00:55:25 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 6 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED.**

00:55:34 Ms. Duncan
00:55:59 Chairman McNutt

Questions:

00:56:04 Rep. McChesney
00:56:29 Ms. Duncan
00:57:16 Sen. Williams left.
01:01:40 Rep. McChesney
01:02:01 Ms. Duncan
01:03:19 Rep. McChesney
01:03:26 Chairman McNutt
01:03:35 Rep. Sesso
01:03:59 Sen. Brown
01:04:31 Sen. Sonju
01:04:56 Chairman McNutt
01:06:01 Sen. Sonju

01:06:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 to 3 by roll call vote. Rep. McChesney and Rep. Sesso voted no. Sen. Williams voted no by proxy.

01:07:09 Ms. Duncan
01:07:24 Chairman McNutt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 7

01:07:43 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 7 BE RECOMMENDED.**

Chairman McNutt
Ms. Duncan

01:08:41 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT 1 TO HB 7 BE RECOMMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(jlh47a04)

01:09:00 Ms. Duncan
01:11:41 Sen. Williams returned.
01:12:27 Rep. Sesso
01:12:30 Ms. Duncan

01:12:51 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Cook moved that **SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO HB 7 BE RECOMMENDED, CHANGING \$300,000 TO \$150,000.**

Discussion:

01:12:55 Chairman McNutt
01:13:10 Sen. Brown
01:13:21 Ms. Duncan
01:14:06 Rep. Sesso
01:14:09 Sen. Brown

01:14:18 Rep. Cook withdrew substitute motion.

01:14:29 Chairman McNutt

01:14:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:15:15 Ms. Duncan
01:15:46 Chairman McNutt
01:16:02 Ms. Duncan

Informational Witness:

01:16:29 Ms. Stanley, DNRC

01:16:51 Rep. Sesso
01:16:55 Ms. Stanley

01:17:06 **Motion:** Rep, Sesso moved that **AMOUNTS BE CHANGED FROM \$300,000 TO \$134,000.**

01:17:41 Chairman McNutt
01:17:43 Rep. Sesso
01:18:14 Ms. Duncan
01:18:21 Chairman McNutt

01:18:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:18:40 Rep. Sesso

01:18:54 Ms. Duncan

01:19:15 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 7 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED.**

01:19:28 Chairman McNutt

01:19:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:19:42 Chairman McNutt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11

01:20:04 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 11 BE RECOMMENDED.**

01:20:10 Chairman McNutt

Discussion:

01:20:13 Rep. Sesso

01:21:24 Chairman McNutt

01:21:29 Rep. Cook

01:21:58 Chairman McNutt

01:22:02 Sen. Brown

01:22:58 Chairman McNutt

01:23:01 Sen. Williams

01:24:32 Chairman McNutt

01:24:35 Rep. McChesney spoke for

01:25:24 Chairman McNutt

01:25:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 3 to 5, by roll call vote. Rep. Sesso, Rep. McChesney, and Sen. Williams voted aye.

01:26:25 Chairman McNutt

01:26:48 Sen. Brown

01:26:52 Chairman McNutt

01:26:55 Ms. Duncan

01:27:28 Sen. Brown

01:27:49 Chairman McNutt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

01:28:21 Chairman McNutt

01:28:23 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 15 BE RECOMMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:28:46 Sen. Brown

01:29:12 Chairman McNutt

01:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:29:41 Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

01:31:01 Adjournment:

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh47aad.pdf](#))